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# ABSTRACT

A device was developed to measure voiding on the primary side of a U-tube steam generator. This device is known as a Boundary Layer Voiding Detector (BLVD) and consists of a heating coil wrapped around a single U-tube with a thermocouple placed between the heating coil and the U-tube wall. Loss of fluid on the primary side of the U-tube can cause a significant increase in temperature thus indicating voiding. Two computer models were developed to simulate the transient and steady state responses, respectively. Lowpressure and temperature testing was also performed to verify BLVD operation. When highly subcooled conditions exist, this device can detect primary side voiding. When the fluid is near saturation and boiling can occur, void detection is considerably more difficult. The large heat transfer coefficients associated with the boiling process produce significant heat transfer without a measurable temperature increase.

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# THE MODELING AND TESTING OF A HEATED BOUNDARY LAYER VOIDING DETECTOR

## INTRODUCTION

A Loss of Coolant Accident (LOCA) in a nuclear reactor may require shutdown of the main coolant pumps to prevent pump cavitation and avoid direct discharge of the coolant through the break. Natural circulation is then used to remove the reactor's decay heat. Conditions for natural circulation must be established and continued for safe reactor cooldown.

Natural circulation results from the density head produced by the cooling of the primary side fluid in the steam generators. The reactor's decay heat reduces the fluid density at an elevation below the steam generators. Higher density fluid then moves to replace the lower density fluid present in the reactor core resulting in a low-velocity flow through the reactor's primary system. This flow is usually sufficient to provide adequate long-term reactor cooling for the typical Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR) system shown in Figure 1.

Noncondensible gases can originate from fission gases in the fuel pins, the hydrolysis of coolant, or from the coolant directly. These noncondensible gases can hinder or stop natural circulation. The gases tend to migrate to the highest elevation in the reactor system, i.e., the top of the steam generator U-tubes, shown in Figure 2. At this point, the gases can decrease the heat transfer rate and reduce the driving head enough to stop natural circulation. The loss of cooling capability would result in core overheating.



Figure 1. Schematic arrangement of PWR nuclear steam supply system (NSSS).



Figure 2. PWR steam generator.

The existence of natural circulation can be determined by measuring the flow of the primary coolant at the top of the PWR steam generator U-tubes. Laube<sup>1</sup> has demonstrated a heated device for nonintrusively measuring a fluid's velocity. Only the boundary layer of the fluid is heated, thus minimizing flow disturbance by the device.

A similar technique can be applied for flow or voiding detection in the U-tubes or a commercial PWR. A resistance heater is wrapped around a small section of the U-tube, with the heater temperature being monitored by a thermocouple placed on the tube surface under the heater. Lack of coolant flow or voiding should produce a significant rise in heater temperature. This device is known as a Boundary Layer Voiding D\_tector (BLVD).

A three step procedure was undertaken to develop and test a BLVD for application on the U-tubes of PWR steam generator. Initially, a lumped parameter model was developed to calculate the sensitivity and transient response of this device. A steady state model using a series of one-dimensional relaxation equations was then formulated to assess the axial temperature distribution and evaluate the applicability of the lumped parameter transient model. Finally a BLVD was installed on a Semiscale size U-tube and tested at atmospheric pressure. These tests demonstrated that a heated BLVD can detect voiding only when large subcoolings are present. The large heat transfer rates associated with boiling were found to prevent voiding detection by the BLVD under two-phase conditions.

# MODELING TECHNIQUES

Two tecl.niques were employed to calculate the operational characteristics of a BLVD. A lumped parameter model<sup>2</sup> was used to calculate the device's sensitility as well as its transient response. Onedimensional relaxation equations<sup>2</sup> were used to calculate the axial steady state temperature distribution along the U-tube wall. A number of heat transfer correlations from published literature were employed to calculate single phase and boiling heat transfer coefficients. Both techniques were computerized to permit rapid assessment of the BLVD under various conditions.

### **Transient Model**

The lumped parameter model was derived from a simple heat balance. Rate of Creation (ROC) principles are applied as follows:

$$\left| \begin{array}{c} \text{Rate of} \\ \text{energy inflow} \right|^{-} \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{Rate of} \\ \text{energy outflow} \right|^{-} \\ \end{array} \right| \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{Rate of} \\ \text{energy storage} \right|^{-} \\ \end{array} \right|$$
(1)

Applying Equation (1) to the BLVD shown in Figure 3 produces:

Heater  
power Convective heat transfer Heating cf  

$$VId\Theta = \left[h_pA_p(T - T_p)d\Theta + h_sA_s(T - T_s)d\Theta\right] = C_pvdT$$
(2)

where

V = heater voltage, volts

1 = heater current, emps

 $h_p$  = primary side heat transfer coefficient, W/cm<sup>2</sup>.°C

 $h_s = secondary side heat transfer coefficient. W/cm<sup>2</sup>-°C$ 

 $\theta$  = time, s

- T = temperature of BLVD, °C
- $A_p = primary$  side heat transfer area, cm<sup>2</sup>
- $A_s$  = secondary side heat transfer area, cm<sup>2</sup>
- T<sub>p</sub> = primary side bulk fluid temperature, °C
- T<sub>s</sub> = secondary side bulk fluid temperature, °C
- cp = heat capacity of BLVD, W-s/g-°C

 $\rho$  = density of BLVD, g/cm<sup>3</sup>

 $v = volume of BLVD, cm^3$ .



Figure 3. BLVD schematic and lumped parameter heat transfer model.

This expression is algebraically rearranged to separate the time and temperature variables.

$$d\theta = -c_p \rho v \frac{dT}{(h_p A_p + h_s A_s)T - (VI + h_p A_p T_p) \cdot h_s A_s T_s)}$$
(3)

Equation (3) can be exactly integrated since

$$\int \frac{dx}{ax - b} = \frac{1}{a} \ln(ax - b)$$
<sup>(4)</sup>

for  $x \neq b/a$ 

and assuming that the physical properties of the BLVD and associated heat transfer coefficients are constant. The temperature of the BLVD as a function of time is

$$T(\theta) = \frac{M_{s}(T_{i} - T_{s}) + N_{p}(T_{i} - T_{p}) - VI}{M_{s} + N_{p}} \exp\left[-\frac{(M_{s} + N_{p})\theta}{C_{p}\rho V}\right] + \frac{VI + M_{s}T_{s} + N_{p}T_{p}}{M_{s} + N_{p}}$$

where

 $T(\theta) = BLVD$  temperature as a function of time, °C

$$M_s = h_s A_s, W/°C$$

$$N_p = h_p A_p, W/^{\circ}C$$

 $T_i$  = initial temperature of BLVD, °C.

Most of the constants in this equation can be readily measured. The heat transfer coefficients, however, must be calculated from correlations of previous data. A later part of this report will describe the specific empirical correlations used.

(5)

Hand evaluation of Equation (5) as a function of time would be a tedious task. This equation was assembled into a small computer code to permit rapid evaluation. In addition, the auxiliary calculations for heat transfer coefficient (HTC) and area of heat transfer are performed quickly and accurately. The code prompts the user for the necessary input parameters, making the analysis of parameter variations easy. A flowchart of the lumped parameter transient simulation is illustrated in Figure 4. Appendix A contains a listing of the lumped parameter model program as well as a sample output.

The validity of lumped parameter technique can be estimated by calculating the Biot modulus. This parameter is a ratio of the convective to conductive heat transfer ability of a system and is shown in Equation (6).

$$Bi = \frac{hL}{k_s},$$
(6)

where

- h = total convective heat transfer coefficient,  $W/cm^{2-\circ}C$
- L = characteristic length, volume to heat transfer area ratio, cm
- $k_s = BLVD$  thermal conductivity, W/cm-°C.

If the Biot modulus is less than 0.1, lumped parameter models are generally adequate. Calculations indicate that the BLVD's Biot modulus is usually less than 0.1 as long as single phase conditions prevail. Boiling heat transfer coefficients are usually very large, thus the lumped parameter model will not be applicable.

### Steady State Model

The steady state axial temperature distribution along a single steam generator U-tube was calculated using a one-dimensional relaxation technique. The BLVD and the U-tube were simulated as a onedimensional horizontal strip, shown in Figure 5. Modeling of the detector and U-tube assumes that the







system can be represented by a series of nodes. The local heat flow at each node can be calculated from a simple heat balance. Newton's Law of Cooling, Equation (7), and Fourier's Law for Heat Conduction, Equation (8), are applied at each node.

$$\frac{q}{A} = h\Delta T$$
 (7)

(8)

$$\frac{d}{A} = -k\frac{\Delta T}{\Delta x}$$

where

$$\frac{q}{A}$$
 = heat flux, W/cm<sup>2</sup>

h = convective heat transfer coefficient, W/cm- $^{2\circ}$ C

 $\Delta T$  = temperature difference, T<sub>wall</sub>-T<sub>bulk</sub>, °C

k = thermal conductivity, W/cm-°C

 $\frac{\Delta T}{\Delta x}$  = temperature gradient, °C/cm.

The heat flow is balanced at each node, m, by appropriate combinations of Equations (7) and (8).





Generated

Heat  
W<sub>m</sub> + 
$$K(T_{m-1} - T_m) + K(T_{m+1} - T_m)$$
  
+  $M_s(T_s - T_m) + N_p(T_p - T_m) = Q_m$   
Convection Residu

where

Wm = heat generated by BLVD, W

$$K = \frac{kA}{\Delta x}, W/^{\circ}C$$

$$M_{s} = h_{s}A_{s}, W/^{\circ}C$$

$$N_{p} = h_{p} A_{p}, W/^{\circ}C$$

$$Q_{m} = \text{residue}, W$$

$$T_{m} = \text{temperature}, ^{\circ}C.$$

Nodes located at the two ends of the strip are only half the length of other nodes and have an insulat. 1 side. Equations (10) and (11) describe the first and last nodes, respectively.

(9)

$$2K(T_{m+1} - T_m) + \frac{M_s}{2}(T_s - T_m) + \frac{N_p}{2}(T_p - T_m) = Q_m$$
(10)

for m = 1

$$2K(T_{m-1} - T_m) + \frac{M_s}{2}(T_s - T_m) + \frac{N_p}{2}(T_p - T_m) = Q_m$$
(11)

for m = 16.

Relaxation techniques can be used to solve the set of equations described by Equations (9), (10), and (11). An initial temperature distribution is assumed. The heat transfer coefficients described in the next section are used. Residues are calculated for each node. The largest residue is selected, and the temperature at that node is adjusted to reduce the residue to zero. Residues adjacent to this node are recalculated using the new temperature at node m. The next largest residue is then selected and the process repeated. These iterations are continued until all residues are reduced below a previously specified minimum.

Selection of an initial temperature distribution that is close to the final distribution speeds the convergence of the relaxation but is not necessary. Any temperature distribution will eventually be relaxed to the correct distribution, however the number of iterations will increase substantially for a poorly selected temperature distribution.

Because a large number of equations must be solved simultaneously, a computer code was developed. The code takes the initial temperature distribution guess and iterates until the largest residue is reduced below a user specified minimum. In addition, the auxiliary calculations for heat transfer coefficient and area of heat transfer are performed quickly and accurately. The code prompts the user for the necessary

input parameters, making variation of parameter studies easy. A flow chart of the steady state onedimensional relaxation model is illustrated in Figure 6. Appendix B contains a listing of the relaxation program as well as a sample output.

### **Heat Transfer Coefficients**

Many heat transfer correlations are available in the literature for natural and forced single phase convection. The Dittus-Boelter<sup>3</sup> correlation, Equation (12), is widely used and accepted for

$$Nu = 0.023 \text{ Re}^{0.8} \text{ Pr}^{0.4}$$

where

Nu = Nusselt number, hD/K, dimensionless

Re = Reynolds number,  $VD/\nu$ , dimensionless

 $Pr = Prandtl number, {}^{c}p^{\mu}/k$ , dimensionless

h = convective heat transfer coefficient,  $W/cm^2$ .°C

D = characteristic dimension, cm

k = thermal conductivity, W/cm-°C

v = fluid velocity, cm/s

 $\nu$  = kinetic viscosity, stokes

 $c_o = \text{specific heat, } W-s/g-^{\circ}C$ 

 $\mu$  = absolute viscosity, centipoise.

single phase forced convection heat transfer. This expression can be manipulated to yield the convective heat transfer coefficient, h.

Correlations for the heat transfer coefficient under single phase natural convection were developed by McAdams.<sup>4</sup> The appropriate correlation for horizontal pipes is given in Equation (13).

$$N_{\rm H} = 0.53(Gr Pr)^{0.25}$$

where

Gr = Grashof number,

$$\frac{\rho g^2 \beta (T_w - T_b) D^3}{\mu^2}, \text{ dimensionless}$$

where

 $\rho$  = density, g/cm<sup>3</sup>

 $g = acceleration due to gravity, 980 cm/s^2$ 

(13)

(12)





 $\beta$  = coefficient of thermal expansion, 1/°C

 $T_w$  = wall temperature, °C

T<sub>b</sub> = bulk temperature, °C.

Note that this correlation has a weak dependence on the driving temperature difference. Since the relationship is weak it is possible to use this heat transfer coefficient in Equation (5) without violation of the initial assumptions that the 3LVD and associated heat transfer coefficients are constant.

Boliing heat transfer was also considered. The pooling and flow boiling heat transfer coefficients are calculated from correlations in the literature. Jens and Lottes<sup>5</sup> have proposed an expression which relates the heat flux to the pressure and temperature.

$$\frac{q/10^{6}}{A} = \left[\frac{\exp^{p/900}}{60} (T_{w} - T_{sat})\right]^{4}$$
(14)

where

q = heat rate, Btu/min

A = area of heat transfer,  $ft^2$ 

p = system pressure, psia

 $T_w$  = wall temperature, °F

T<sub>sat</sub> = saturation temperature, °F.

The heat transfer coefficient is calculated by substituting Equation (14) into Equation (15),

$$\frac{q}{A} = h(T_{W} - T_{\infty})$$
(15)

yielding

$$h = \frac{\left[\frac{\exp^{p/900}}{50} \left(T_{w} - T_{sat}\right)\right]^{4} \times 10^{6}}{T_{w} - T_{\infty}}.$$
 (16)

Rosenhow<sup>6</sup> has correlated substantial pool boiling data with Equation (17).

$$\frac{c_{p\ell}(T_w - T_{sat})}{h_{fg} pr_{\ell}^{1.7}} = c_{sf} \left[ \frac{q/A}{\mu_{\ell}^{h} fg} \sqrt{\frac{g_c \sigma}{g(\rho_{\ell} - \rho_g)}} \right]^{0.33}$$
(17)

where

cpg = specific heat of saturated liquid, Btu/lbm-°F

hfg = heat of vaporatization, Btu/lbm

 $g_c = \text{conversion factor}, 32.2 \text{ lbm/ft/lbf/sec}^2$ 

 $g = acceleration due to gravity, 32.2 ft/sec^2$ 

 $\sigma_0$  = surface tension of the liquid-to-vapor interface,  $lb_f/ft$ 

 $\mu_Q = \text{viscosity of liquid, lbm/hr-ft}$ 

 $C_{sf}$  = empirical constant is 0.0133 for BLVD<sup>7</sup> (water on chemically etched stainless steel)

Prg = liquid Prandtl number, dimensionless

 $\rho g = \text{liquid density, } \text{lbm/ft}^3$ 

 $\rho_g = \text{vapor density, lbm/f}^3$ .

Substitution of Equation (15) into Equation (17) will produce an expression for the heat transfer coefficient.

$$h = \frac{\mu_{\ell} h_{fg}}{(T_{s} - T_{\infty})} \sqrt{\frac{g(\rho_{\ell} - \rho_{g})}{g_{c} \sigma}} \left[ \frac{c_{p\ell}(T_{w} - T_{sat})}{h_{fg} \rho_{\ell} \frac{1.7}{c_{sf}}} \right]^{3}.$$
(18)

The total heat flux during boiling consists of two components: a single phase heat flux and a boiling heat flux. Superposition of the two heat flux components will yield the total heat flux, as shown in Equation (19).

$$\frac{q_{\text{total}}}{A} = \frac{q_{\text{boiling}}}{A} + \frac{q_{\text{single phase}}}{A} .$$
(19)

The total heat transfer coefficient to be used is calculated by substituting Equation (15) into (19), using the appropriate heat transfer coefficients from Equations (16) and (18).

Boiling heat transfer coefficients have a strong temperature dependence. A small temperature difference will produce a large heat transfer coefficient. Careful application of these correlations is necessary to maintain the initial assumptions of the transient heat transfer model.

# **BLVD U-TUBE TEST ASSEMBLY**

A small tes assembly was constructed to evaluate the performance of a BLVD in a simulated steam generator system.<sup>a</sup> Eight 3/4-in. diameter tubes were bent into a U-shape and installed in a manifold. This assembly was mounted in an open steel tank. The tank (413 liter) with two 5-kW heaters was used to simulate the secondary side of the steam generator. A small loop consisting of heated tank (189 liter) and a 1-hp pump was used to provide water fl-. to the printary side of the steam generator. An air compressor supplied air to the manifold at the base of the U-tube arrangement. This air could be used to void the U-tube bundle. Reference instrumentation included two water rotameters to measure primary side flowrate, and Type-K thermocouples to measure various temperatures throughout the system. A data logger and strip chart recorder were used to collect the thermocouple data.

The primary loop's pump can supply water flowrates ranging from 0.063 to 0.88 l/s resulting in liquid superficial velocities of 0.29 to 4.1 m/s for a single U-tube. The maximum attainable system temperature was 85°C. Figure 7 shows the U-tube test assembly.

a. The U-tubes of the Semiscale experiment were modeled in this test.



Figure 7. BLVD U-tube test assembly.

### RESPONSE TIME AND BOILING EFFECTS ON THE BLVD

A series of low-pressure tests were performed to measure the response time of the BLVD and to assess its response in nucleate boiling conditions. A comparison of the predicted response with the measured response was undertaken using above derived relations.

Two types of tests were conducted:

- 1. A pump coastdown, where the primary side pump was shut off and allowed to coast to a stop
- 2. Voiding by injection of room temperature air after a pump shutdown.

Tests were performed at temperatures of 20°C and 80°C for bare and secondary side insulated BLVDs.

Initial testing was conducted at 16°C with a liquid superficial velocity of 2.34 m/s (8 gpm) on the primary side. The primary side pump was shut off and allowed to coast to a stop. Simultaneously, the EMF of the BLVD's thermocouple was recorded on a strip chart. Selected data points<sup>a</sup> from typical thermal transient is shown in Figure 8 and compared to the lumped parameter computer model prediction. Reasonably good agreement between the actual data and model is illustrated particularly after 15 s. Prior to 15 s some discrepancy is observed. Similar tests were repeated to ensure reproducibility.

The computer simulation of the transient response was not an exact duplication of the BLVD tests. Pump coastdown was modeled as an instantaneous flow stoppage while the actual flow probably followed



Figure 8. A comparison of the actual BLVD response to pump coastdown with the transient computer model prediction at 16°C with 0.063 I/s initial flow.

a. The continuous voltage of the BLVD thermocouple was recorded, but only representative points will be shown in the figures.

an exponential decay. This discrepancy produces part of the initial differences between the measured and calculated results. The simplicity of the lumped parameter model and the uncertainty in the heat transfer correlations are an additional cause of discrepency.

Two cases were run with air injection to void the top of the U-tube. As expected, air injection did produce a higher temperature at the BLVD. The results are illustrated in Figure 9. A comparison of Figures 8 and 9 indicate that U-tube voiding detection is possible at these temperatures. The results of all 20°C testing are summarized in Table 1.



Figure 9. A comparison of the actual BLVD response to voiding with the transient computer model prediction at 16°C with 0.51 1/s initial flow.

Table 1. BLVD pump coastdown and voiding data near 20°C.

				ala ang sa	Temperature (°C)		
Run	Flowrate (l/s)	Velocity (m/s)	Primary	Secondary	Initial Operating	Final Pump Off	Final Voided
1	0.50	2.34	18.2	14.7	22.7	64.1	69.9
2	0.50	2.34	N/A <sup>a</sup>	N/A	22.8	N/A	68.1
3	0.50	2.34	18.8	15.2	23.1	62.3	N/A
4	9.50	2.34	15.9	15.3	23.2	58.8	N/A
12	0.50	2.34	21.5	16.6	25.5	66.5	N/A

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The BLVD's time constant associated with void detection could not be adequately determined. The observed response a ne of the device was considerably less than the originally calculated value. Thus the time required for air injection to void the U-tube was large compared to the total response time.

Other factors made determination of the BLVD's time constant difficult. It was not possible to ensure that all the water including water droplets had been removed when voiding occurred. In addition, the response to pump coastdown is imposed on the BLVD thermocouple output.

The system was brought to 80°C with a small temperature difference between the primary and secondary sides of the U-tubes. A series of pump coastdown tests were run (0.063, 0.13, 0.19, and 0.88 l/s). Figures 10 and 11 show results for the 0.063 and 0.88 l/s tests, respectively. The change in heater



Figure 10. A comparison of the actual BLVD response to pump coastdown with the transient computer model prediction at 80°C with 0.063 l/s flow initial.



Figure 11. A comparison of the actual BLVD response to pump coastdown with the transient computer model prediction at 80 °C with 0.88 1/s initial flow.

temperature due to pump coastdown is rather small. Air injection and pump coastdown produced identical final BLVD temperatures, hence no voiding discrimination. The heater power was increased to 130 W. A pump coastdown and U-tube voiding test was repeated. Voiding discrimination was still not possible. The test results at 80°C are summarized in Table 2.

The loss of voiding discrimination was attributed to subcooled nucleate boiling. Careful visual observation of the BLVD indicated the existence of boiling after pump coastdown or voiding.

An understanding of the insensitivity of BLVD's temperature to voiding and heater power can be obtained by reviewing the pool boiling curve in Figure 12. In the single phase region, the heat flux is in proportion to the temperature difference  $(T_w - T_f)$ . the 5/4 power. In the nucleate boiling region, this relationship becomes proportional to the third power. Transition to nucleate boiling makes it possible for the BLVD to dissipate the heater power without a measurable increase in temperature. The nucleate boiling heat transfer is so effective that an increase of the heater power to 130 W did not increase the BLVD temperature under voided conditions.

The lumped parameter model will not accurately describe the BLVD under boiling conditions. Large heat transfer coefficients associated with nucleate boiling produce a Biot modulus considerably greater than 0.1, thus making the lumped parameter model inappropriate.

			Temperature (°C)				
Run	Flowrate (1/s)	Velocity (m/s)	Primary	Secondary	Initial Operating	Final Pump Off	Final Voided
5	0.063	0.29	77.5	79.0	86.9	92.8	N/A <sup>a</sup>
6	0.13	0.59	78.4	79.3	84.1	92.1	N/A
7	0.19	0.88	79.4	79.5	83.8	92.8	N/A
8	0.88	4.1	80.7	79.9	83.1	92.2	N/A
9	0.88	4.1	80.9	80.3	83.2	92.1	93.5
10 <sup>b</sup>	0.88	4.1	80.8	82.1	90.2	N/A	93.0
11	0.063	0.29	81.0	82.3	90.5	92.4	92.6
13	0.50	2.34	62.1	61.8	64.9	93.2	N/A
14	0.13	0.59	62.2	63.2	68.0	92.9	N/A

#### Table 2 BLVD pump coastdown and voiding data near 80°C.

a. Not available.

b. Heater power is 130 W.



Figure 12. A typical pool boiling curve for water.

The temperatures on either side of the BLVD were measured to assess the axial conduction. Figures 13 and 14 compare typical but limited data with the one-dimensional relaxation calculation. There is reasonable agreement, especially when the simplicity of the computer model is considered.

The temperatures on the sides of the BLVD are reasonably close to the temperature of the ambient. Axial conduction effects are thus small and can be neglected.

Boiling was suppressed on the secondary side of the BLVD by wrapping glass tape around it. Data were acquired at  $20^{\circ}$ C and indicated an increased sensitivity to U-tube voiding. These tests were run at 1 and 8 gpm for a heater power of 80 W.

The system temperature was increased to 80°C, and additional data were acquired with the insulated BLVD. These results are summarized in Table 3. Pump coastdown was properly detected by the BLVD as well as voiding by air on the primary side. However, the heat addition of the BLVD now causes voiding on the primary side. The insulation of the secondary side produced higher temperatures in the BLVD and these temperatures now boil the primary fluid when it is not being circulated. This is an undesirable situation, since the void sensor is creating voiding at the point of measurement. Lower powers only reduce the time required for boiling as well as the sensitivity of the device.



Figure 13. A comparison of the measured axial temperature distribution to a one-dimensional relaxation prediction for a water filled U-tube instrumented with a BLVD.



Figure 14. A comparison of the measured axial temperature distribution to a one-dimensional relaxation prediction for a voided U-tube instrumented with a BLVD.

Run			Temperature				
	Flowrate (gpm)	Velocity (m/s)	Primary	Initial Secondary	Final Operating	Final Pump Off	Voided
15	0.50	2.34	20.2	14.9	24.2	93.3	N/A <sup>a</sup>
16	0.50	2.34	20.3	15.1	24.2	N/A	148.6
17	0.063	0.29	19.9	15.5	36.2	88.6	N/A
19	0.50	2.34	82.5	82.3	86.0	183.0 <sup>b</sup>	N/A
19	0.50	2.34	83.0	82.9	86.4	171.6 <sup>b</sup>	N/A
20	0.063	0.29	81.5	83.4	91.9	182.6 <sup>b</sup>	N/A
21	0.19	0.88	84.1	84.4	89.5	182.4 <sup>b</sup>	200.7
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# Table 3. BLVD pump coastdown and voiding data with glass tape on the secondary side.

a. Not available.

b. Voiding on primary side.

### ERROR ANALYSIS

Several sources of error are associated with the BLVD testing. These include:

- 1. The error in thermocouple reading due to differences in fabrication
- 2. The error in the thermocouple amplifier and data logger circuitry
- 3. The uncertainty associated with reading the BLVD thermocouple voltage from the strip chart recorder.

Error due to Typ<sub>2</sub> K thermocouple fabrication is usually about  $\pm 2.2^{\circ}$ C or  $\pm 0.75\%$  of reading whichever is greater<sup>8</sup> for a 0°C reference junction. This error is sufficiently small for this experiment. Accurate calibrations were performed to ensure that the thermocouple amplifiers, strip chart recorder, and data logger were functioning accurately.

The error associated with reading the thermocouple voltage from the strip chart recorder can be assessed using the technique described by Kline and McClintock.<sup>9</sup> The algorithm used to convert thermocouple voltage into temperature is

$$\Gamma_{\rm c} = \frac{(33.7322395 + 44.2452975V_{\rm m} - 0.2017185V_{\rm m}^2 - 32.0)}{1.8}$$
(20)

where

 $T_c = temperature, °C$ 

V<sub>m</sub> = thermccouple output, mv.

Taking the derivative of Equation (20) with respect to voltage yields

$$\frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial V_{m}} = 24.5897.08 - 0.22413167 V_{m}.$$
(21)

The error expression from Reference 9 is

$$\Delta T_{c} = \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial T_{c}}{\partial V_{m}}\right)^{2} (\Delta V_{m})^{2}}.$$
(22)

Substituting Equation (21) into (22) and noting that  $\Delta V_m = 0.02 \text{ mV}$  yields the error as a function of the measured voltage<sup>a</sup>. Figure 15 illustrates the uncertainty in temperature caused by reading the temperature from the strip chart recorder. The maximum error associated with the voltage to temperature algorithm is  $\pm 0.5^{\circ}$ C.

The total error associated with BLVD's temperature is the sum of the fabrication and voltage to temperature algorithm errors. Over the temperature range studied, this amounts to a maximum uncertainty of  $\pm 2.7^{\circ}$ C.

a. This value is based on the accuracy of reading the BLVD's thermocouple voltage from the strip chart recording.



Figure 15. The uncertainty in BLVD temperature due to the voltage temperature algorithm.

## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

A series of tests were performed to obtain the response time of the BLVD and to assess its response in nucleate boiling conditions. Two computer models were developed to calculate the steady state and transient response of the BLVD. The lumped parameter transient model was reasonably adequate at the lower temperatures but did not perform well at higher temperatures near fluid saturation. The one-dimensional steady state relaxation produced sufficient results in all temperature ranges.

Boiling was found to severely inhibit the response of the BLVD. The very effective heat transfer mechanism associated with boiling was able to hold the BLVD's temperature constant despite primary side voiding. Later tests, with the secondary side of the BLVD insulated, indicated that the additional heat input of the sensor was significant. In fact, this heat will cause boiling in a quiescent primary side fluid. The BLVD actually voids the U-tube and then will correctly indicate a voided tube.

Several conclusions can be drawn regarding BLVD performance and steam generator application:

- A bare BLVD cannot detect U-tube voiding if boiling is present. Boiling would usually be present in a PWR steam generator.
- In regions where boiling is not possible. (large subcoolings, liquid metals) the BLVD can operate as a voiding detector.
- 3. The BLVD's heater was observed to force the primary side into boiling, thus a pipe with liquid inside could be voided by the sensor. Insulation of the primary and secondary sides of the BLVD is possible, but the device's sensitivity would be reduced significantly. Microprocessor control of the BLVD's heater might also be used to prevent boiling, particularly on the primary side.
- 4. Lumped parameter models and one-dimensional relaxation codes are generally adequate for BLVD simulation. The large heat transfer coefficients associated with nucleate boiling violate a fundamental assumption for the lumped parameter model. Different techniques must then be used to simulate the BLVD under this condition.

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# APPENDIX A

# COMPUTER SIMULATION FOR LUMPED PARAMETER TRANSIENT BLVD MODEL

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This appendix contains a listing of the computer program used to simulate the transient response of the BLVD. The code is based on a lumped parameter model and neglects any axial conduction. Common heat transfer coefficient correlations are also included.

The code is written in BASIC and designed to run on a Textronix 4052 computer. Execution and the necessary input/output usually requires about 45 s per case. The code will prompt the user for any necessary input. A typical output is also included.

110	REM	
120	REM	THIS PROGRAM SIMULATES THE TRANSIENT RESPONSE OF A
140	REM	GENERATORS. THE MODEL ASSUMES A LUMPED PARAMETER SYSTEM.
150	REM	HEAT TRANSFER IS CONSIDERED ON BOTH SIDES. NATURAL
179	REM	OR NATURAL CONVECTION MAY BE APPLIED ON THE PDIMARY SIDE
180	REM	THE DITTUS-BOELTER CORRELATION IS EMPLOYED AS THE FORCED
190	REM	CONVECTION RELATIONSHIP WHILE THE MCADAMS' CORRELATION IS
200	REM	USED FOR NATURAL CONVECTION. AXIAL CONDUCTION IS
220	REM	ROSENHOW'S CORRELATION FOR POOL BOILING IS EMPLOYED
230	REM	ON THE SECONDARY SIDE WHILE THE JENS AND LOTTES FLOW
240	REM	BOILING CORRELATION IS USED ON THE PRIMARY SIDE. SUPER-
260	REM	COEFFICIENT IS ASSUMED. THE COMPLITER MODEL AUTOMATICALLY
270	REM	INCLUDES BOILING HEAT TRANSFER WHEN THE UDIDING DETECTOR
280	REM	TEMPERATURE EXCEEDS THE NUCLEATION TEMPERATURE.
300	REM	WRITTEN BY MARK UINCE 7/17/80
310	REM	LATEST REVISION 8/12/80, 9/8/80
320	REM	
340	REM	VARIABLES
350	REM	
360	REM	U1=TELETYPE INPUT/OUTPUT UNIT
380	REM	U3=DATA INPUT UNIT, I.E. MAG TAPE
390	REM	TI=SECONDARY SIDE FLUID TEMPERATURE, F
410	REM	T3=PRIMARY SIDE SATURATION TEMPERATURE. F
420	REM	T4=SECONDARY SIDE SATURATION TEMPERATURE, F
430	REM	MI=SECONDARY SIDE HEAT TRANSFER COEFFICIENT, WATTS/
450	REM	NI=PRIMARY SIDE HEAT TRANSFER COFFFICIENT, WATTS/F
469	REM	A2=PRIMARY SIDE HEAT TRANSFER AREA, FT SQUARED
478	REM	M3=SECONDARY SIDE BOILING HEAT TRANSFER COEFFICIENT
490	REM	HI=SECONDARY SIDE HEAT TRANSFER VARIABLE
500	REM	H2=PRIMARY SIDE HEAT TRANFER VARIABLE
520	REM	HA=PRIMARY SIDE BUILING HEAT TRANSFER VARIABL_
530	REM	H9=HEAT OF VAPORIZATION, BTU/LBM
540	REM	H8=SURFACE TENSION, LBF / FT
550	KEM .	DISTINE STEP INCREMENT
570	REM	U1=HEATER&PJPE VOLUME # DENSITY # SPECIFIC HEAT, SECONDS
589	REM	T(J)=TEMPERHTURE AS A FUNCTION OF TIME, F
230	REN	13/0/=110. HKKH1

600 REM P3, P4, P5=PRANDTL HUMBERS P(6,4)=PROPERTIES ARRAY FOR WATER, 304 SS. AIR, AND STEAM 610 REM 620 REM RI=REYNOLDS NUMBER K1 THROUGH K4= MISCELLANEOUS INTERNAL CONSTANTS
K5 THROUGH K9= TEMPERATURE DIFFERENCES, F 630 REM 640 REM D2=PIPE OUTER DIAMETER, INCHES 650 REM D3=PIPE WALL THICKNESS, INCHES 660 REM D4=PIPE INNER DIAMETER, FEET D6=PIPE AND WIRE DIAMETER, FEET D8=CONVERGENCE CRITERIA TEMPERATURE DIFFERENCE, F 670 REM 680 REM 690 REM 700 REM Q2=WALL SUPERHEAT, 710 REM 21=INTERNAL VARIABLE C1,C2=MISCELLANEOUS CONSTANTS C7,C8,C9=INTERNAL UARIABLES G1,G2,G3=INTERNAL UARIABLES 728 REM 730 REM 740 REM G4,G5,G6=HUCLEATION TEMPERATURES, F F1,F2,B1=HUCLEATION FLACS Y1=TIME OF HUCLEATION, SECONDS 759 REM 760 REM 770 REM 780 REM U5=UFG @ 14.696 PSIA 798 REM 800 DELETE T, 79, G 813 DIM T(200), T9(200), P(6, 4), G(200) 820 REM 830 REM INPUT/OUTPUT UNITS 840 REM 850 U1=32 860 U2=51 870 U3=33 380 REM CONSTANTS 890 A\$="WATERSTEELAIR STEAM" 900 D9=0.04 910 C1=1 920 C2=1.25 970 02=1 948 09=0.1 950 REM 960 REM PHYSICAL CONSTANTS @ 60 F 970 REM 980 B1=1054.8/3600 990 REM 1000 REM DENSITY, LBM / CU FT 1010 P(1,1)=62.3 1320 P(1,2)=488 1030 P(1,3)=0.077 1040 P(1,4)=0.0372 1050 REM SPECIFIC HEAT, BTU / LBM F 1050 REM SPECIFIC HEHT, BTO / LBM F 1060 P(2,1)=0.999 1070 P(2,2)=0.11 1080 P(2,3)=0.24 1090 P(2,4)=0.451 1100 REM DYNAMIC VISCOSITY, LBM / FT SEC 1110 P(3,1)=7.6E-4 1120 P(3,2)=0 1130 2(3,3)=1.214E-5 1140 P(3,4)=8.7E-6 1150 REM KINEMATIC VISCOSITY, FT SQ / SEC 1160 P(4,1)=1.22E-5 1170 P(4,2)=0 118P P(4,3)=1.59E-4 1190 P(4,4)=2.34F-4 1203 REM. THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY, BTU / HR FT F 1210 P(5,1)=0.34 1220 P(5,2)=9.19 1230 P(5,3)=0.0146 1240 P(5,4)=0.0145 1250 REM GRA GRASHOF CONSTANT, 1 / F CU FT 1260 F 6,1)=1.84E+7 1270 P(6,2)=0 1280 P(6,3)=2584000 -1290 P(6,4)=877800

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1300 REM HEAT OF VAPORIZATION, BTU / LBM @ 14.696 PSIA 1310 H9=970.3 1320 REM SURFACE TENSION, LBF / FT 1330 H8=0.0041 UFG , CU FT / LBM @ 14.696 PSIA 1340 REM 1350 05=26.782 1360 REM 1370 REM SET INITIAL CONDITIONS 1380 REM 11 × 1390 PRINT QUI: "ENTER INITIAL PRIMARY SIDE FLUID CODE 1400 INPUT S1 1419 PRINT @U1: "ENTER FINAL PRIMARY SIDE FLUID CODE \*\* : 1420 INPUT 52 17 \* 1430 PRINT OU1: "ENTER SECONDARY SIDE FLUID CODE 1440 INPUT S3 1450 REM 1460 PRINT QU2: USING "P": 1470 PRINT QU2: "THIS MODEL CALCULATES THE THERMAL TRANSIENT EXPERIENCED" 1470 PRINT GU2: "THIS MODEL CALCULATES THE THERMAL TRANSIENT EXPER 1480 PRINT GU2: "BY A BOUNDARY LAYER FLOW METER." 1490 D\$=SEG(A\$,(S1-1)\*5+1,5) 1500 PRINT GU2: USING 1510:D\$," IS INITIALLY ON THE PRIMARY SIDE" 1510 IMAGE L,5A,1X,33A 1520 D\$=SEG(A\$,(S2-1)\*5+1,5) 1520 D\$=SEG(A\$,(S2-1)\*5+1,5) 1530 PRINT QU2: USING 1540: "THIS FLUID IS REPLACED BY ",D\$ 1540 IMAGE L,26A,1X,5A 1550 D\$=SEG(A\$,(\$3-1)\*5+1,5) 1560 PRINT @U2: USING 1570:D\$," IS THE SECONDARY SIDE FLUID" 1570 IMAGE L, 5A, 1X, 28A 11 # 1580 PRINT QUI: "ENTER OUTER PIPE DIAMETER, INCHES 1590 INPUT D2 1600 PRINT @U1: "ENTER PIPE WALL THICKNESS, INCHES 10 2 1610 INPUT D3 1620 PRINT @U2: USING 1630: "PIPE OUTER DIAMETER = ",D2," INCHES" 1630 IMAGE L,22A,2D.3D,7A 1640 PRINT @U2: USING 1650: "PIPE WALL THICKNESS = ",D3," INCHES" 1650 IMAGE L, 22A, 2D. 4D, 7A 1660 REM PIPE DIMENSION CALCULATIONS 1670 REM 1680 D2=D2/12 1690 D3=D3/12 1700 D4=D2-2\*D3 1710 05=1/(16\*12) 1720 D6=D2+2\*D5 1730 07=0.75 1740 REM 1750 REM SET TIME STEP 1760 REM 14 . 1770 PRINT @U1: "ENTER TIME STEP, SECONDS 1780 INPUT DI 1790 REM TEMPERATURES 1800 REM 1310 REM 1820 PRINT @U1: "ENTER PRIMARY SIDE TEMPERATURE, F 11 . 1830 INPUT T2 1840 PRINT QU2: USING 1850: \*PRIMARY SIDE TEMPERATURE = ".T2," F\* 1850 IMAGE L, 27A, 3D. 2D, 2A Hg 1860 PRINT QUI: "ENTER SECONDARY SIDE TEMPERATURE, F 1870 INPUT 1880 PRINT QU2: USING 1890: "SECONDARY SIDE TEMPERATI'RE = ".TI." F" 1890 IMAGE L, 29A, 3D. 2D, 2A 1900 PRINT OU1: "ENTER PRIMARY SIDE SATURAL ON TEMPERATURE, F 1910 INPUT 13 1920 PRINT @U2: USING 1930: "PRIMARY SIDE SATURATION TEMPERATURE = ",T3 1930 IMAGE L. 38A, 3D. 2D QUI: "ENTER SECONDARY SIDE SATURATION TEMPERATURE, F ": 1940 PRINT 1950 INPUT T4 1960 PRINT QU2: USING 1970: "SECONDARY SIDE SATURATION TEMPERATURE = ", T4 1970 IMAGE 1,40A, 30.20 13 . 1980 PRINT QUI: "ENTER PRIMARY SIDE PRESSURE, PSIA

1990 INPUT P9 2000 PRINT QU2: USING 2010: "PRIMARY SIDE PRESSURE = ".P9." PSIA" 2010 IMAGE L, 24A, 4D. 2D, 5A 2020 PRINT 001: "ENTER PRIMARY SIDE WATER VELOCITY. FT./SECOND "+ 2030 INPUT .11 2040 PRINT QU2: USING 2050: "PRIMARY SIDE WATER VELOCITY = ", J1, " FT/SEC" 2050 IMAGE L, 30A, 2D. 3D, 7A 2060 PRINT QUI: "ENTER HEATER POWER, WATTS 41.4 2079 INPUT P1 2000 PRINT QU2: USING 2090: "HEATER POWER = ",P1," WATTS" 2090 IMAGE L, 15A, 4D. 1D, 6A 2100 REM 2110 F.EM CALCULATE REYNOLDS NUMBER AND FLAG LAMINAR FLOW CASE 2120 REM 2130 R1=J1\*D4/P(4,S1) 2140 PRINT 0U2: USING 2150: "PRIMARY SIDE REYNOLDS NUMBER = ",R1 2150 IMAGE L, 31A, 8L. 1D, L 2160 IF R1<2100 THEN 2180 2170 GO TO 2230 2180 PRINT RU2: "\*\*\*\*\*\* LAMINAR FLOW PRESENT \*\*\*\*\*\*\* 2190 REM 2200 REM SINGLE PHASE HEAT TRANSFER COEFFICIENTS 2210 REM 2220 REM SECONDARY, NATURAL CONVECTION 2230 P3=P(2,S3)\*P(3,S3)/P(5,S3)\*3600 2240 M1=0.53\*B1\*(P(5,S3)/D6`\*(P(6,S3)\*D6†3\*P3)†0.25 2250 A1=D7/12\*P1\*,S 2260 M1=M1\*A1 2270 REM PRIMARY, MATURAL CONVECTION 2280 P4=P(2,S2)\*P(3,S2)/P(5,S2)\*3600 2290 N1=0.53\*B1\*(P(5,S2)/D4)\*(P(6,S2)\*D4†3\*P4)\*0.25 2300 A2=D7/12\*P1\*D4 2310 H1=N1#A2 2320 REM PRIMARY, FORCED CONVECTION 2330 P5=P(2,S1)\*P(3,S1)/P(5,S1)\*3600 2340 H2=0.023\*(P(5,S1)/D4)\*R110.8\*P510.4\*A2\*B1 2350 REM 2760 U2=PI\*(D7/12)\*(D612-D412)\*(1054.8/4) 2 70 U1=U2\*P(1,2)\*P(2,2) 2380 REM BOILING HEAT TRANSFER COEFFICIENTS 2390 REM 2400 REM 2410 REM SECONDARY, POOL BOILING 2420 28=P(3,1)\*H9/(H8/(P(1,1)-P(1,4)))10.5 2430 29=(P(2,1)/(H9\*P311.7\*0.0133))13 2440 M3=28\*29\*A1\*1054.8 PRIMARY, 2450 REM SUBCOOLED BOILING 2468 27=(EXP(P9/900)/60)14 2470 N3=27#42#B1#1000000 CALCULATE PRIMARY SIDE NUCLEATION CRITERIA 2480 REM 2498 REM 2500 W8=B1\*P(5,S1)/(8\*H8\*T3\*U5/(778\*H9)) 2510 G1=-(2\*T3+N2/A2/W8) 2520 G2=T2\*(H2/A2)/W8+T312 2530 G3=(G1+2-4\*G2)+0.5 2540 G6=(-G1+G3)/2 2559 REM 2560 REM CALCULATE OPERATING TEMPERATURE PRIOR TO TRANSIENT 2570 REM FOR ZERO LIQUID FLOW 2580 REM 2590 IF R1>2100 THEN 2630 2600 C1=1.25 2610 H2=0.53\*B1\*A2\*(P(5,S1)/D4)\*(P(6,S1)\*D413\*P5)10.25 2620 REM 2630 T6=(T1+T2)/2 2640 T(1)=(P1/(M1+h2))+0.8+T6 2650 REM 2660 FOR J=1 TO 100 2670 Z1=P1-N2\*(T(1)-T2)\*C1-M1\*(T(1)-T1)\*C2

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2680 REM
2690 IF ABS(21) (0.1 THEN 2740
                    INCREMENT TEMPERATURE
2700 REM
2710 T(1)=T(1)+09*21
2720 NEXT J
2730 REM
2740 IF R1<2100 THEN 3160
2750 REM
2760 REM CALCULATE SECONDARY SIDE NUCLEATION CRITERIA
2770 H8=B1*P(5,S3)/(8*H8*T4*U5/(778*H9))
2780 G1=-(2*T4+M1*(T(1)-T1)+0.25/A1 W8)
2798 C2=T1*M1*(((1)-T1)+8.25/A1/W8+T4+2
2830 G3=(G112-4*G2)10.5
2818 G4=(-G1+G3)/2
2320 H3=0
2830 H4=0
                    LOOP TO FIND LIQUID FLOW OPERATING TEMPERATURE USING NON-ZERO LIQUID FLOW CASE TEMPERATURE AS FIRST GUESS
2848 REM
2850 REM
2860 REM
2870 FOR J=1 TO 100
2890 REM CHECK FOR NUCLEATION ON
2890 IF T(1)<G4 THEN 2940
2900 PRINT 0U2: "SECONDARY SIDE BOILING"
                   CHECK FOR NUCLEATION ON SECONDARY SIDE
2910 09=0.01
2920 H3=M3*(T(1)-T4)+2
2930 REM CHECK FOR PRIMARY SIDE NUCLEATION
2940 IF T(1)<G6 THE'L 2980
2950 PRINT CU2: "PRLMARY SIDE BOILING"
2960 H4=H3*(T(1 -T3)+4
2970 REM
2980 21=P1-(M1*(T(1)-T1)*C2+H3)-(N2*(T(1)-T2)+H4)
2990 IF ABS(21)<0.1 THEN 3:50
3000 T8=T(1)
                    INCREMENT TEMPERATURE
3010 REM
3020 REM
3030 T(1)=T(1)+09#21
3040 REM
                 PROVIDE DAMPING TO AUGID LARGE TEMPERATURE OSCILLATIONS
3050 REM
3060 REM
3070 D7=D9*T(1)
3080 D8=ABS(T(1)-T8)
3090 REM IF D8>D7 THEN 3100
3100 GO TO 3130
3110 T(1)=T(1)-D7
3120 PRINI @U2: "**i* TEMPERATURE ARTIFICIALLY DAMPED ****"
3130 NEXT J
3140 PRINT @U2: "****** INITIAL TEMPERATURE SEARCH NOT CONVERGED *****"
3150 REM
                    INITIALIZE TIME
3160 T9(1)=0
3170 G(1)=(T(1)-32)/1.8
                    RECALCULATE SECONDARY SIDE NUCLEATION CRITERION
3180 REM
3190 REM
3200 W8=B:*P(5,S3)/(8*H8*T4*U5/(778*H9))
3210 G1=-(2*T4+M1*(T(1)-T1)+0.25/A1/W8)
3220 G2=T1*M1*(T(_)-T1)+0.25/A1/W8+T4+2
3230 G3=(G1+2-4*G2)+0.5
3240 G4=(-G1+G3)/2
3250 REM RECALCULATE PRIMARY SIDE
3260 W8=B1*P(5,S2)/(8*H8*T3*U5/(778*H9))
                    RECALCULATE PRIMARY SIDE NUCLEATION CRITERIA
3270 G1=-(2*T3+N1/A2/W8)
3280 G2=T2*(N1/A2) W8+T312
3290 G3=(G1+2-4*G2)+0.5
3300 G5=(-G1+GC)/2
3310 REM
                    PRINT HEADER
3320 REM
3336 REM
3340 PRIN' @U2: USING 3350: ' TIME
                                                TEMPERATURE"
3350 IMAGE L,21A
3360 PRINT QU2:"SECONDC
                                       F"
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3370 PRINT QU2: USING 4010: T9(1), T(1), G(1) 3390 REM 3390 REM INITIALIZE TIME AND CONSTANTS 3400 REM 3410 T9(2)=D1 3428 F1=0 3430 H3=0 3440 REM 3450 REM LOOP THROUGH TIME 3460 REM 3470 FOR J=2 TO 200 3480 REM 3490 REM SET TEMPERATURE DIFFERENCES 3500 REM 3510 K9=T(J-1)-T1 3520 K8=T(J-1)-T2 3530 Q2=T(J-1)-G4 3540 K5=T(J-1)-T4 3550 REM 3560 C9=ABS(K9) 3570 C8=ABS(K8) 3580 K7=C910.25 3590 K6=C810.25 3600 REM 3610 REM CHECK AND ALLOW FOR NEGATIVE TEMPERATURE DIFFERENCES 3620 REM 3630 IF K9=C9 THEN 3650 3640 K7=-K7 3650 IF K8=C8 THEN 3700 3669 K6=-K6 3678 REM 3680 REM CALCULATE ACTUAL HEAT TRANSFER COEFFICIENTS 3690 REM NON-BOILING CALCULATION 3700 H1=M! \*K7 3710 H2=N1\*K6 3720 JF 0240 THEN 3790 3730 REM BOILIN BOILING CALCULATION, SECONDARY SIDE ONLY 3740 F1=1 3750 H3=M3\*K513 3760 REM 3778 REM EUALUATE TEMPERATURE RESPONSE 3780 REM 3798 K1=H1\*(T(1)-T1)+H3+H2\*(T(1)-T2)-P1 380" K2=H1+H3+H2 3810 K3=EXP(-(K2\*T9(J))/U1) 3820 K4=(P1+(H1+H3)\*T1+H2\*T2)/K2 3830 REM COMPUTE TEMPERATURE 3840 REM '850 REM 3860 T(J)=K1\*K3/K2+K4 3870 REM PROVIDE DAMPING TO AVOID LARGE TEMPERATURE OSCILLATIONS 3880 REM 3890 REM 3900 D7=D9\*T(J-1) 3910 D3=ABS(T(J)-T(J-1)) 3920 REM IF D8>D7 THEN 3940 3930 GO TO 3990 3940 T(J)=T(J-1)-D7 3950 PRINT @U2: "### TEMPERATURE ARTIFICIALLY DAMPED ###" 3960 REM PRINT ANSWER AND INCREMENT TIME 3970 REM 3980 REM 3990 G(J)=(T(J)-32)/1.8 4000 PRINT @U2: USING 4010: T9(J), T(J), G(J) 4010 IMAGE 3D. 2D, 5X, 4D. 2D, 5X, 4D. 2D 4828 REM 4030 REM CHECK APPROACH TO STEADY STATE 4040 REM 4050 T9(J+1)=T9(J)+D1

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4060 IF F1()1 THEN 4090 4070 IF T(J)>T4 THEN 4090 4080 T(J)=T4 4090 IF D8(0.1 THEN 4110 4100 NEXT J 4110 PRINT QU1: "WOULD YOU LIKE TO RUN ANOTHER CASE ? "; 4120 INPUT 29 4130 IF 29>0 THEN 1280 4140 END

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THIS MODEL CALCULATES THE THERMAL TRANSIENT EXPERIENCED BY A BOUNDARY LAYER FLOW METER. WATER IS INITIALLY ON THE PRIMARY SIDE THIS FLUID IS REPLACED BY WATER WATER IS THE SECONDARY SIDE FLUID PIPE OUTER DIAMETER = 0.750 INCHES PIPE WALL THICKNESS = 0.0490 INCHES PRIMARY SIDE TEMPERATURE = 70.65 F SECONDARY SIDE TEMPERATURE = 61.88 F PRIMARY SIDE SATURATION TEMPERATURE = 208.00 SECONDARY SIDE SATURATION TEMPERATURE = 208.00 PRIMARY SIDE PRESSURE = 14.70 PSIA PRIMARY SIDE WATER VELOCITY = 7.690 FT/SEC HEATER FOWEP = 80.3 WATTS PRIMARY SIDE REYNOLDS NUMBER = 34247.8

TIME	TEMPERATURE	°c
0.00	86.87	30.48
0.50	91.86	33,25
1.00	96.49	35.83
1.50	100.79	38.22
2.00	104.79	40.44
2.50	108.19	42.49
3.00	111.92	44.40
3.50	115.10	46.17
4.00	118.05	47.80
4.50	120.77	49.32
5.00	123.30	50.72
5.50	125.64	52.02
6.00	127.81	53.23
6.50	129.81	54.34
7.00	131.67	55.37
7.50	133.39	56,33
8.00	134.99	57.22
8.50	136.47	58.04
9.00	137.84	58,80
9.50	139.11	59.51
10.00	140.29	60.16
10.50	141.38	60.77
11.00	142.39	61.33

11.50	143.34	61.85
12.00	144.21	62.34
12.50	145.02	62.79
13.00	145.77	63.21
13.50	146.47	63.60
14.00	147.12	63.96
14.50	147.72	64.29
15.00	148.28	64.60
15.50	148.81	64.89
16.00	149.29	65.16
16.50	149.74	65.41
17.00	150.16	65.65
17.50	150.55	65.86
18.00	150.91	66.06
18.50	151.25	66.25
19.00	151.57	66.43
19.50	151.86	66.59
20.00	152.13	66.74
20.50	152.39	66.88
21.00	152.62	67.01
21.50	152.84	67.14
22.00	153.05	67.25
22.50	153.24	67.36
23.00	153.42	67.45
23,50	153.58	67.55
24.00	153.74	67.63
24.50	153.88	67.71
25.00	154.02	67.79
25.50	154.14	67.86
26.00	154.26	67.92
26.50	154.37	67.98
27.00	154.47	68.04
27.50	154.57	48.09

# APPENDIX B

# COMPUTER SIMULATION OF THE BLVD USING A RELAXATION MODEL

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This appendix contains a listing of the computer program used to simulate the steady state temperature in a steam generator U-tube containing a BLVD. The code consists of a series of one-dimensional equations. These equations consider convective as well as conductive heat transfer. Common heat transfer coefficient correlations are also included.

The code is written in BASIC and designed to run on a Textronix 4052 computer. Execution as well as the necessary input/output depend on the initial temperature distribution guess, the number of nodes used, and the convergence criterion selected. The code will prompt the user for any necessary input. A typical output is also included.

109 110 120 130 140 150 150 190 2222 230 2222 2222 2222 2222 2222 222	PAGE AGM RREEMEMEN RREEMEMEN RREEMEMEN RREEMEMEN REEMEMEN REEME RE	THIS PROGRAM IS A ONE-DIMENSIONAL NODAL MODEL WHICH IS USED TO CALCULATE THE TEMPERATURE DISTRIBUTION IN A STRIP. AXIAL CONDUCTION IS CONSIDERED. HEAT CONVECTION IS CONSIDERED ON TWO SIDES BUT EMPLOYED AS SINGLE COEFFICIENT. NATURAL CONVECTION IS ASSUMED ON THE SECONDARY SIDE WHILE FORCED OR NATURAL CONVECTION MAY BE APPLIED ON THE PRIMARY SIDE. THE DITTUS-BOELTER CORRELATION IS EMPLOYED AS THE FORCED CONVECTION RELATIONSHIP WHILE THE MCADAMS' CORRELATION IS USED FOR NATURAL CONVECTION. BOILING CAN BE CONSIDERED. ROSENHOW'S CORRELATION FOR POOL BOILING IS EMPLOYED ON THE SECONDARY SIDE WHILE THE JENS AND LOTTES FLOW BOILING CORRELATION IS USED ON THE PRIMARY SIDE. THE COMPUTER MODEL WILL ADJUST THE HEAT TRATSFER CORRELATION IF THE WALL TEMPERATURE EXCEEDS THE SATURATION TEMPERATURE.
300	REM	WRITTEN BY MARK VINCE 8/26/80
310	REM	LATEST REVISION 8/26/80
330	REM	
340	REM	VARIABLES
350	REM	IN THE ETYPE INDUT ANTE INTT
370	REM	U2=LINEPRINTER
380	REM	U3=DATP INFUT UNIT, I.E. MAG TAPE
390	REM	T1=SECONDARY SIDE FLUID TEMPERATURE; F
410	REM	T3=PRIMARY SIDE SATURATION TEMPERATURE, F
420	REM	T4=SECONDARY SIDE SATURATION TEMPERATURE, F
430	REM	T5(M)=SECONDARY SIDE TEMPERATURE DISTRIBUTION, F
440	REM	MISSECUNDARY SIDE HEAT TRANSFER CUEFFICIENT, WATTS/F
460	REM	N1=PRIMARY SIDE HEAT TRANSFER COEFFICIENT, WATTS/F
478	REM	A2=PRIMARY SIDE YEAT TRANSFER AREA, FT SQUARED
480	REM	N3=SECUNDARY SIDE BUILING HEAT TRANSFER CUEFFICIENT
500	REM	H1(M)=SECONDARY SIDE HEAT TRANSFER VARIABLE
510	REM	M2(M)=PRIMARY SIDE HEAT TRANFER VARIABLE
520	REM	H9=HEAT OF VAPORIZATION, BTU/LBM
540	DEM	DO-DUMPLE ICIDIUM LEF / FI
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550	REM	P3.P4=PRANDTL NUMBERS

570 REM R1=REYNOLDS NUMBER 27 THROUGH 29 = MISCELLANEOUS INTERNAL CONSTANTS 580 REM DI=PIPE OUTER DIAMETER, INCHES 590 REM D2=PIPE INNER DIAMETER, FEET 600 REM 610 REM D3=PIPE WALL THICKNESS, INCHES DS=PIPE AND WIRE DIAMETER, FEET 620 REM 630 REM ZI=INTERNAL VARIABLE 640 REM C7, C8, C9=INTERNAL VARIABLES Q(N)=RESIDUALS 650 REM W1(N)=CONSTANTS FOR EQUATIONS X1=HORIZIONTAL NODE SPACING, INCHES T(N)=TEMPERATURE AT EACH NODE, F 660 REM 670 REM 680 REM 698 REM 700 0=16 710 DELETE Q, T, P, W1, T5, H1, H2, G 720 DIM T(0), H1(0), P(6,4), Q(0), T5(0), H1(0), H2(0), G(0) 730 REM 740 REM INPUT/OUTPUT UNITS 750 REM 760 U1=32 770 U2=51 780 U3=33 790 REM 800 REM 810 REM 820 REM PHYSICAL CONSTANTS @ 60 F 830 REN 840 B1=1054.8/3600 850 REM 860 REN DENSITY, LBM / CU FT 870 P(1,1)=62.3 880 P(1,2)=488 890 P(1,3)=0.077 900 P(1,4)=0.0372 910 REM SPECIFIC HEAT, BTU / LBM F 920 P(2,1)=0.999 930 P(2,2)=0.11 940 P(2,3)=0.24 950 P(2,4)=0.451 960 REM DYNAMIC VISCOSITY, LBM / FT SEC 970 P(3,1)=7.6E-4 900 P(3,2)=0 990 P(3,3)=1.214E-5 1000 P(3,4)=8.7E-6 KINEMATIC VISCOSITY, FT SQ / SEC 1010 REM 1020 P(4,1)=1.22E-5 1030 P(4,2)=0 1040 P(4,3)=1.59E-4 1050 P(4,4)=2.34E-4 1060 REM THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY, BTU / HR FT F 1070 P(5,1)=0.34 1080 P(5,2)=9.19 1090 P(5,3)=0.0146 1109 P(5,4)=0.0145 1110 REM GRASHOF CONSTANT, 1 / F CU FT 1120 P(6,1)=1.84E+? 1130 P(6,2)=0 1140 P(6,3)=2584000 1150 P(6,4)=877000 1160 REM HEAT OF UAPORIZATION, BTU / LBM 1170 H9=987.15 1180 REM SURFACE TENSION, LBF / FT 1190 H8=0.0041 1200 REM 1210 REM SET INITIAL CONDITIONS 1220 REM 1279 PRINT QU1: "ENTER PRIMARY SIDE FLUID CODE 1240 INPUT S2 1250 PRINT @U1: "ENTER SECONDARY SIDE FLUID CODE

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1260 INPUT S3
1270 REM
1280 PRINT QU2: USING "P":
1290 PRINT 002: "THIS NODAL MODEL CALCULATES THE STEADY STATE "
1300 PPINT QU2: "TEMPERATURES ALONG THE SURFACE OF A BOUNDARY
1310 PRINT QU2: LAYER FLOW METER."
1320 PRINT QU2: USING 1330:S2." IS ON THE PRIMARY SIDE"
1330 IMAGE L, 20, 23A
1340 PRINT CU2: USING 1350:53." IS THE SECONDARY SIDE FLUID"
1350 IMAGE L, 20, 284
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1360 PRINT
           QU1: "ENTER OUTER PIPE DIAMETER, INCHES
     INPUT
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            DI
                                                                         11 ....
1380 PRINT OU1: "ENTER PIPE WALL THICKNESS, INCHES
1390 INPUT D3
1400 PRINT @U2: USING 1410: "PIPE OUTER DIAMETER = ", D1, " INCHES"
1410 IMAGE L,22A,2D.3D,7A
1420 PRINT QU2: USING 1430: "PIPE WALL THICKNESS = ",D3," INCHES"
1430 IMAGE L, 22A, 2D. 4D, 7A
1440 REM
                CONVERT DIMENSIONS TO FEET AND CALCULATE PIPE ID
1450 REM
1460 REM
1470 D1=D1/12
1480 D3=03/12
1490 D2=D1-2*D3
1500 D4=1/(16*12)
1510 D5=D1+2*D4
1520 REM
                  TEMPERATURES
1530 REM
1540 REM
1550 PRINT QU1: "ENTER PRIMARY SIDE TEMPERATURE, F
1560 INPUT T2
1570 PRINT QU2: USING 1580: "PRIMARY SIDE TEMPERATURE = ",T2," F"
1580 IMAGE L,27A,3D.2D,2A
1590 PRINT QUI: "ENTER SECONDARY SIDE TEMPERATURE, F
                                                                        ** :
1600 INPUT
1610 PRINT @U2: USING 1620: "SECONDARY SIDE TEMPERATURE = ",T1, " F"
1620 IMAGE L. 294, 30. 20, 24
                                                                        27 2
            QUI: "ENTER PRIMARY SIDE SATURATION TEMPERATURE, F
1630 PRINT
1640 INFUT
1650 PRINT QU2: USING 1660: "PRIMARY SIDE SATURATION TEMPERATURE = ",T3
1660 IMAGE L, 38A, 3D. 20
1670 PRINT QUI: "ENTER SECONDARY SIDE SATURATION TEMPERATURE, F ":
1680 INPUT
            14
1690 PRINT @U2: USING 1700: "SECONDARY SIDE SATURATION TEMPERATURE = ".T4
1700 IMAGE L, 40A, 3D. 2D
1710 PRINT OU1: "ENTER PRIMARY SIDE PRESSURE, PSIA
                                                                        11.8
1720 INPUT P9
1730 PRINT QU2: USING 1740: "PRIMARY SIDE PRESSURE = ", P9, " PSIA"
            L,24A,4D.2D,5A
1740 IMAGE
1750 PRINT QUI: "ENTER PRIMARY SIDE WATER VELOCITY, FT. /SECOND ";
1768 INPUT
            11
1770 PRINT @U2: USING 1780: "PRIMARY SIDE WATER VELOCITY = ", J1, " FT/SEC"
            L.30A, 2D. 3D, 7A
QU1: "ENTER HEATER POWER, WATTS
1780 IMAGE
                                                                         11 m
1790 PRINT
1800 INPUT P1
     PRINT QU2: USING 1820: "HEATER POWER = ",P1," WATTS"
1810
1820 IMAGE L. 15A, 3D. 1D, 6A
1838 PRINT QUI: "ENTER NUMBER OF NODES
            N
1840 INPUT
1350 PRINT QUI: "ENTER NODE SPACING, INCHES
1860 INPUT
            XI
1870 PRINT
            CU2: USING 1880:N, " NODES SPACED ", X1, " INCHES APART"
1880 IMAGE L-2D, 14A.2D.3D, 13A
1890 X1=X1/12
1900 REM
1910 REM
                CALCULATE REYNOLDS NUMBER AND FLAG LAMINAR FLOW CASE
1920 REM
1930 R1=J1*D2/P(4.S2)
1940 PRINT QU2: USING 1950: "PRIMARY SIDE REYNOLDS NUMBER = ".R1
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1950 IMAGE L, 31A, 8D. 1D, L 1960 IF R1<2100 THEN 1980 1979 GO TO 2030 1980 PRINT QU2: "\*\*\*\*\*\*\* LAMINAR FLOW PRESENT \*\*\*\*\*\*\* 1990 REM 2000 REM HEAT TRANSFER COEFFICIENTS 2010 REM 2020 REM OUTSIDE 2030 P3=P(2,S3)\*P(3,S3)/P(5,S3)\*3600 2040 M1=0.53\*B1\*(P(5,S3)/D5)\*(P(6,S3)\*D5†3\*P3)†0.25 2050 A1=X1\*PI\*D5 2060 M1=M1\*A1 2070 REM INSIDE 2080 P4=P(2,S2)\*P(3,S2)/P(5,S2)\*3600 2090 N1=0.53\*B1\*(P(5,S2)/D2)\*(P(6,S2)\*D213\*P4)10.25 2100 A2=X1\*PI\*D2 2110 N1=N1#A2 2120 REM 2130 REM BOILING HEAT TRANSFER COEFFICIENTS 2140 REM 2150 REM POOL BOILING 2160 28=P(3,1)\*H9/(H8/(P(1,1)-P(1,4)))+0.5 2170 29=(P(2,1)/(H9\*P3+1.7\*0.0133))+3 2180 M3=28#29#A1#1054.8 2190 REM FLOW BOILING 2200 Z7=(EXP(P9/900)/60)+4 2210 N3=27\*A2\*B1\*1000000 2220 REM 2230 REM CALCULATE INITIAL HEAT TRANSFER COEFFICIENT 2240 REM NON-ZERO PRIMARY VELOCITY CASE 2250 REM 2260 N2=0.023\*(P(5,S2)/D2)\*R1+0.8\*P4+0.4\*A2\*B1 2270 REM 2280 REM CALCULATE CONSTANT 2290 REM 2300 K2=B1\*P(5,2)\*PI\*(D112-D212)/(4\*X1) 2310 REM 2320 REM READ IN TEMPERATURE DISTRIBUTION 2330 REM 2340 PRINT @U2: "NODE TEMPERATURE, F" 2350 PRINT OUI: "INPUT INITIAL TEMPERATURE OF EACH NODE" 2360 FOR M=1 TO N 2370 PRINT @U1: USING 2390: "TEMPERATURE AT HODE ", M, " F 2380 INPUT T(M) 2390 IMAGE 20A, 20, 8A 2400 PRINT CU2: USING 2410:M, T(M) 2410 IMAGE 1%,20,9%,40.20 2420 NEXT M 2430 REM 2440 REM ENTER NUMBER OF NODES WITH POWER 2450 REM 58 m 2460 PRINT QU1: "ENTER NUMBER OF POWERED NODES 2470 INPUT A8 2480 FOR A9=1 TO N 2498 H1(A9)=8 2500 NEXT A9 2510 RF! 2520 FOR A9=1 TO A8 2530 PRINT OUI: "POWERED NODE # 11 2 2540 INPUT W3 2550 H1(H3)=P1/A8 2560 NEXT A9 2570 REM 2580 REM CALCULATE TEMPERATURE DISTRIBUTION ON SECONDARY SIDE 2590 REM 2600 REM INITIALIZE TEMPERATURE BEFORE HEATER 2610 FOR M=1 TO W3 2620 T5(M)=T1 2630 PRINT @U2: T5(M) 2640 NEXT M 2650 REM TEMPERATURE DISTRIBUTION AFTER HEATER

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2660 W4=W3+1
2670 FOR M=W4 TO N
2680 W5=M-W3
2690 T5(M)=T1-W5*9*X1
2700 PRINT @U2: T5(M)
2710 NEXT M
2720 REM
                PRINT HEADER
2730 PRINT @U2: "POINT
                            TEMPERATURE, F"
2740 REM
2750 REM
             LOOP TO EVALUATE RESIDUES
2760 REM
2770 FOR M=1 TO N
2780 H1(M)=M1#ABS(T(M)-T5(M))+0.25
2790 REM
                 CORRECT AREA AT THE HEATER REGIONS
2800 IF H1(M) ()0 THEN 2820
2810 GO TO 2840
2820 H1(M)=H1(M)*D5/D1
2838 REM
2840 H2(M)=N2
2850 IF R1>2109 THEN 2870
2860 H2(M)=H1$ABS(T(M)-T2)+0.25
2870 25=T5(M)-T(M)
2880 IF M=1 THEN 2930
2890 IF M=N THEN 2950
2900 REM
                COMPUTE RESIDUAL
_310 Q(M)=K2*(T(M-1)-2*T(M)+T(M+1))>H1(M)*Z5+H2(M)*(T2-T(M))+W1(M)
2920 GO TO 2960
2930 Q(M)=2*K2*(T(M+1)-T(M))+H1(M)/2*Z5+H2(M)/2*(T2-T(M))
2940 GO TO 2960
2950 Q(M)=2*K2*(T(M-1)-T(M))+H1(M)/2*Z5+H2(M)/2*(T2-T(M))
2960 NEXT M
2970 REM
2980 REM
              LOOP TO SELECT LARGEST RESIDUAL
2990 REM
3000 R9=0
3010 FOR I=1 TO N
3020 C1=ABS(Q(I))
3030 IF C1>ABS(R9) THEN 3050
3040 GO TO 3070
3050 R9=0(1)
3060 L1=1
3070 NEXT I
3080 U9=T(L1)
3090 REM
3100 REM
                 CALCULATE RELAXED TEMPERATURE WITH ZERO RESIDUAL
3110 REM
3120 J6=H1(L1)+H2(L1)
3130 IF L1=1 THEN 3180
3140 IF L1=H THEN 3200
3150 26=2*K2
3160 T(L1)=(W1(L1)+K2*(T(L1-1)+T(L1+1))+H1(L1)*T5(L1)+H2(L1)*T2)/(26+J6)
3179 GO TO 3230
3180 T(L1)=(4*K2*T(L1+1)+H1(L1)*T5(L1)+H2(L1)*T2)/(4*K2+J6)
3190 GO TO 3230
3200 T(L1)=(4#K2#T(L1-1)+H1(L1)#T5(L1)+H2(L1)#T2)/(4#K2+J6)
3210 REM PRINT RESULTS
                 CONVERGENCE CHECK
3220 REM
3230 U9=ABS(U9-T(L1))
3240 IF U9(0.1 THEN 3270
3250 GO TO 2770
3260 REM
                 WRITE OUT FINAL RESULTS
3270 FOR M=1 TO N
3280 REM
3290 REM
                 CONVERT TO DEGREES CENTIGRADE
3300 REM
3318 G(M)=(T(M)-32)/1.8
3320 PPINT @U2: USING 3330:M,T(M),G(M)
3330 IMAGE 1X,2D,9X,4D.2D,5X,4D.2D
3346 NEXT M
3350 END
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THIS NODAL MODEL CALCULATES THE STEADY STATE TEMPERATURES ALONG THE SURFACE OF A BOUNDARY LAYER FLOW METER. 1 IS ON THE PRIMARY SIDE 3 IS THE SECONDARY SIDE FLUID PIPE OUTER DIAMETER = 0.750 INCHES PIPE WALL THICKNESS = 0.0490 INCHES PRIMARY SIDE TEMPERATURE = 64.67 F SECONDARY SIDE TEMPERATURE = 58.37 F PRIMARY SIDE SATURATION TEMPERATURE = 208.00 SECONDARY SIDE SATURATION TEMPERATURE = 208.00 PRIMARY SIDE PRESSURE = 14.70 PSIA PRIMARY SIDE WATER VELOCITY = 0.000 FT/SEC HEATER POWER = 80.3 WATTS 16 NODES SPACED 0.250 INCHES APART PRIMARY SIDE REYNOLDS NUMBER = 0.0 \*\*\*\*\*\* LAMINAR FLOW PRESENT \*\*\*\*\*\* NODE TEMPERATURE, °F 60.00 1 2 60.00 3 60.00 90.00 4 5 150.00 160.00 6 7 150.00 100.00 8 9 70.00 60.00 10 60.00 11 12 60.00 13 60.00 14 60.00 15 60.00

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FOINT	TEMPERATURE, "F	3°
1	72,96	22.75
2	74.56	23.65
3	84.29	29.05
4	112,91	44,95
5	199.24	92.91
6	216,63	102.57
7	199.19	92.88
8	112.71	44.84
9	83.63	28.68
10	72.68	22.60
11	68.13	20.07
12	66.06	18.92
13	65.07	18.37
14	64.56	18.09
15	64.37	17.98
1.6	64.37	17.98